

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Worship

Sunday

9:00 a.m.

Contemporary Worship

10:45 a.m.

Traditional Worship

Wednesday

6:30 p.m.

Contemplative Service

Child care provided at all
worship times

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE

Friday, July 3

Next Faith Notes

Deadline

June 29 at Noon

Next Publication:

July 8, 2009

Pastor's Column

A couple of weeks ago I quoted Martin Heidegger who said, "We either live in a forgetfulness of being or a mindfulness of being. " Someone asked me, "How can I live more mindfully?"

One of my favorite books is by Thich Nhat Hanh—*The Miracle of Mindfulness*. It gives the example of doing the dishes. Instead of rushing through doing the dishes, barely noticing what you are doing as your mind goes through its rarely ceasing ramble of to-do's and what if's and what's next, SLOW DOWN, feel the warm water, notice the sounds and quiet the mind, breathing deep full breaths saying silently to yourself, "I know that I am washing the dishes . . . I am washing the dishes."

This might seem very simple. Believe me, it is not!

This may seem silly and insignificant to the larger challenges of your life. Try it for one day. Try just simply doing only what you are doing in that moment—without thinking about the past ("Why did I do that?" "Why did that happen?") or the future ("Don't forget to pick up milk at the store." "What if the economy doesn't improve?"). For example, when you are walking . . . Breathe, notice and think only about each step. Don't get ahead of yourself. Be mindful of the moment you are in. focus on mindfulness as you eat, drive, garden, clean or have a conversation. Have you ever noticed how so few people listen . . . I mean really listen? Most people are ahead of themselves (and ahead of the moment) already judging what you are saying and preparing their response before you have even finished your sentence.

Try this for a day. Spend a day being very mindful of your conversations. When you are with someone try giving them your full attention. Be fully present . . . listen . . . hear what they are saying and not how you want to respond . . . breathe slowly and deeply while they speak . . . maintain eye contact . . . keep your mind open without judgment . . . don't analyze what they are saying . . . just listen. Being fully present with someone is very challenging. There are so many distractions pulling you into the past or drawing you into the future. It takes constant gentle reminding to draw your attention back to just being present . . . being mindful of the moment.

Try being mindful and present to one another this next Sunday morning.

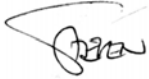
Leo Tolstoy said, "The only power you have is the power of RIGHT now." You have no power over yesterday and no power worrying about tomorrow. It

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is only in the present moment that you can give and receive love. Nothing else matters, really, than being present in each moment.

Remember, inhale the gift of each sunrise. Each day comes as a gift seeking to be shaped by your hands and your heart.



BTW - there are three opportunities to serve expressing the Grace of Hospitality. Our motto is **ALL ARE WELCOME ALWAYS!** It is up to each of us to reflect the hospitality that makes that motto more than just a slogan.

JULY 4 BBQ - once again after the July 4th Concert, we are hosting a BBQ for the community. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the unconditional love of Jesus with the community through hospitality and kindness. Please sign up to help. There is a sign up easel in the Commons.

July 17-19 - Presbytery of the Cascades Summer Conference. We are seeking meal servers during this summer conference. All the meals are prepared, our job is to simply serve the meals with love and grace. Presbyterians from all over the state are coming to our church for a time of renewal. What a gift we can offer by extending kindness and care and even overwhelming our guest with a generous welcome and hospitality. Please consider signing up for at least one meal over these three days. Call or e-mail Boyd Levet, 382-4401 or blevet@bendfp.org

Sunday Morning Hosts Providing Sunday morning hospitality is a great way to extend grace and love. Congregational Life has devised a system that makes the job really easy. What is needed are willing and generous hearts to make sure we live up to our motto: All Are Welcome Always. Do you realize that if every family or ministry group signed up for at least one Sunday we would have coffee hour covered for the next five years! There is a sign up sheet in the Commons or e-mail Mary Anna Swinnerton at luvmaps2@bendcable.com

Women's Retreat 2010

Save the date: **Friday to Sunday, March 12 to 14, 2010**

Place: Beautiful Sun River Resort

Speaker: Nationally renowned author/speaker Jane Kirkpatrick

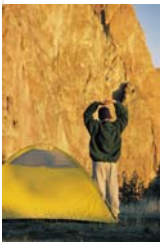
Questions? Want to help organize? Contact Sue Nell Phillips (541-817-3131) or Lori Brizee (541-388-0694)

String-trimmers, Shovelers & Wheelbarrowers Needed!

A workday has been scheduled for June 20, 8:00 am to Noon to trim grasses and weeds around the church grounds to reduce the fire danger and to replace gravel and mulch disturbed by the snowplow last winter. If you have a string-trimmer or weed-eater, please bring it June 20, along with safety glasses and ear protection. If you have a wheelbarrow and shovel, we can sure use your help with those, too. Cool beverages and snacks will be provided. Questions, call Paul MacMillan (322-0236).



All-Church Campout



Save the date. Simax campground at Crescent Lake – August 28 – 30. Contact Brenda Simpson (383-3769 or bmsimpson@hughes.net) with questions or if you would like to help

Sound Fourth!

A free community concert 4th of July
3:00 p.m. at Bend High School Auditorium

A celebration of Americana including sing-along medleys, Broadway and folk music, popular songs and patriotic classics directed by Clyde Thompson and Sue Steiger.

Presented by First Presbyterian Church with The 75 member Cascade Horizon Band and the 90+ voice Festival Chorus

Followed immediately by a free Barbeque on the church lawn.

The Trailhead in Bend

Our congregation is embarking on a new adventure: the birth of a new community of people who follow Jesus, or in other words, a church. But a church not like the one we have come to love and support. This church will be more like a community center, a coffee shop, a café, a learning center, a place to help people, a safe place to grow and make the kingdom of God more real on earth. Two grants totaling \$200,000 have been committed by the Cascades Presbytery and the Mission Development Resource committee of the Presbyterian Church (USA). We will use these funds to hire a full-time pastor by the end of this year and open a facility in 2011 to carry out our vision.

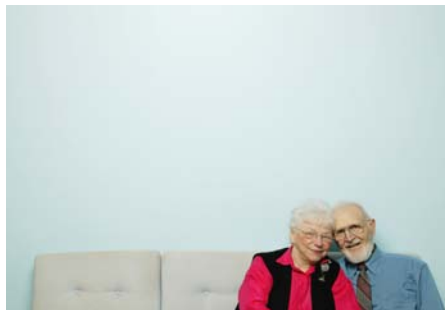
We will mainly focus on the 18- to 35-year-old young adults that make up over 30% of the population of Bend. This active, transient, struggling and searching group is mostly unserved by churches in the Bend area. A large majority would never set foot in a church building. Their views of churches are that they are judgmental, dogmatic, inwardly focused, mono-cultural, and full of old people singing old songs. Pastor Koski referred to a book by Dan Kimball, "They like Jesus, but not the church," that details the result of an extensive survey into the attitudes of this generation toward the existing church.

So instead of trying to get them to come to us, God has called us and we have decided to go to them, to work to connect this disconnected generation with the love and compassion of Jesus. The Trailhead will welcome all, offer high-quality but low-cost food and drink; hold events for music, speakers, poets, artists; offer counseling and support; offer computer access and training; hold book studies and Bible studies; watch movies and celebrate events; worship in creative ways; participate in the life and events of the city; and be a catalyst for change in Bend.

This effort will be a partnership between First Presbyterian and The Trailhead. We will both benefit from this collaboration. We may even partner with other churches in town. For more information, contact any member of the Steering Committee: Bob Pearson, Steven Koski, Lorraine Stuart, Sue Nell Phillips, Adam Clark, or Chuck Piersee.

Caring for Your Parents

On Monday evening, June 22, from 7:00 to 8:30, the Deacons are sponsoring a presentation entitled "Caring for your Parents." The presentation will be facilitated by Chuck Frazier, who is a Commissioner on the Governor's Commission on Senior Services. Chuck is also a member of First Presbyterian Church. A video on the subject of caring for parents will be presented, followed by a discussion led by Chuck Frazier. Other deacons and Elizabeth Stephan, Care Coordinator, will be present to participate and aid in the discussion. This presentation is meant to be the first in a series of studies about aging issues in our congregation as well as in our Central Oregon community.



Organ Recital— Friday, June 19

"Triple Score: Three genres, Three centuries, Three keyboards" is the title given by guest recitalist Mark Oglesby.

The recital is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., and there is no charge. A free-will offering will be available at the exits, in part to benefit FPC's Kits for Kids project. Composers range from Bach, Saint-Saens and Franck to contemporary pieces by Clokey, Miller and Sousa.

A collection of hymn arrangements completes the program, which should conclude about 8:30 p.m. I invite you to enjoy this varied program presented on the Allen instrument in our sanctuary. All are welcome!

- Boyd Levett

Are You Called to Walk with A Family in Crises?

First Presbyterian is known for answering the call in our community. When Bear Creek Elementary School needed tutors, we answered the call; and we now have a vibrant, successful tutoring program at that school.

We have been called again, this time by J Bar J Youth Services, a program that is near to the hearts of many at this church. One of the “Js” stands for Jarvis because Lyle and Mary Jarvis, members of First Pres, launched this program in 1968; and it has grown to a collection of programs focused on helping youths in Oregon. One of their programs, Cascade Youth and Families, has funding to expand their Family Mediation Service; and we have responded to the call. Now all we need is the people.

If you feel that you are a person who could become a mediator, we need your help. These counselors are assigned to specific youths or families to help them through difficult times. It could include sitting down and helping the family come up with a contract to smooth the difficult adolescence years. It might provide help to an adolescent whose family is not there to support him or her to file to become an emancipated minor.

J Bar J will provide the training, so you don't have to be a trained therapist or counselor. What you need is the desire to make a difference in these families' lives, the patience to stick with these families as they navigate their challenges, and the ability to learn the fundamentals of mediation through training and observation.

If you are interested in volunteering for this program, contact Aelea Hall at aelea@atlc.com or 593-2900 (work)

“Connecting in a Caring Community”

“Connecting in a caring community” is one of First Presbyterian's core values. Every one of us faces times when we need help, and every one of us has something to give. We each have prayers, and we each can be the answer to a prayer.

In the book of *Acts*, when describing the community of the early church, there is a phrase, “and no one was in need.” *Heart to Heart* is our community's effort to bring that kind of caring community to our congregation. On June 28 Steven will introduce the ideas that a group of us have formed to ensure that in our congregation there will be no one in need. This will be a way of life for us, not a program. The purpose is to enable people in our community to more easily find support where they need it and to provide support to each other.

The process starts with sending an e-mail to hearttoheart@bendfp.org. Here you can state in private a need, or offer your help. Only the person handling the requests/offers will know the person's identity. We are looking forward to sharing some of these anonymous stories with the congregation as the process begins to bring us closer.

So come on June 28, but begin now to communicate through e-mail.

Save the Date

August 8 – for the Annual "Friends of Jesus" Garage Sale in memory of Lonna Davis.

This sale is to raise money to help send low-income kids to Presbyterian Summer Camp. We are sending 13 kids this year, so we need lots of items to sell.

If you have items to donate, the best time to bring them to Thiel Larson's house is the first week in August. If you cannot wait that long, but have some great things to donate, call Thiel at 388-4895 and we'll work something out. The address to bring items is 63598 Hunters Circle (on the corner of Cooley and Hunters Circle).

God Bless You All for your continued support of this program. P.S. If you would like to work at the garage sale, we'd love your help. Call us.

Children's Ministry

To volunteer, register or get more information, contact Janet Pearson, Director of Children and Family Ministry (382-4401 or jpearson@bendcable.com).



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration forms have been mailed out. Extra forms are available at the church or on-line at www.bendfp.org

Crocodile Dock!

Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light!

New Friends – Amazing Crafts – Wacky Snacks – Mind-blowing Bible Adventures

Gator Games – Incredible Music

Monday, July 27, to Thursday, July 30 – 9:00 a.m. to Noon

- Bayou Crews: Kids entering First grade through Fifth grade
- Rocky's Preschool Playhouse: Four-year-olds (by June 1) through entering Kindergarten
- Crocodile Dock Helpers: Youth entering 6th grade through adults
- Nursery care available for helper families

Registration Fee: \$10 per child/\$30 per family by July 15th. \$25 per child after July 15.

Scholarships are available by contacting Janet Pearson, VBS Registrar

Vacation Bible School is for everyone! How can you participate?

- Volunteer for the four mornings of Crocodile Dock.
- Help to set up and take down the decorations.
- Donate \$10 to sponsor a child's VBS experience.
- Loan or purchase items for VBS, look for the Crocodile Dock display in the commons.
- Pray for everyone involved with our Vacation Bible School

For more information contact Deb Klotz, Crocodile Dock Director, 385-3109 or dklotz@bendtel.net

Family Pool Party

Come join the fun. Get to know other families in the church. First Presbyterian Family Ministry has reserved the indoor pools at the Juniper Swim and Fitness Center for Saturday, June 20. There will be swimming from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. followed by pizza in the park.

Special Summer Sundays

Starting in June our 9:00 a.m. Christian education time for Kindergarten through 5th graders will be a one-room schoolhouse model. Little kids will get lots of attention from big kids. And big kids will get to help out and be looked up to. The lessons in June focus on taking responsibility for our relationship with God. The weekly themes are: Jesus, Our Shepherd; God's Gift of Forgiveness; How God Talks to Us; and Dedicating our Talents to God's Service.

Godly Play

First Service - Three- and Four-Year Olds. Second Service - Pre-School through Fifth Grade

The story of God's people is presented in circle time. Children choose to work with the stories or art materials to express their thoughts and feelings, followed by a feast/snack together. This time of age-appropriate spiritual formation will continue through the summer months.

A Bouquet of thanks to Jackie Hill. We have been blessed by the leadership of Jackie Hill in Godly Play. It is time to say thank you as Jackie prepares to leave for college. Jackie has been a faithful part of our Godly Play ministry for several years. For this past year, as director of Godly Play, she has scheduled the storytellers and door people, as well as maintaining and improving our Godly Play classroom. We are very grateful for Jackie's dedication and gift of teaching that she has shared with the children in Godly Play. Help let Jackie know how much we appreciate her ministry with our children in Godly Play.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Each Thursday afternoon a group of knitters gathers in the Prayer Room with their yarn, needles, prayers and stories to create simple prayers shawls. These shawls are the given to our Care Ministry Team and St. Charles care coordinator to be distributed to those suffering from illness or

grief. Each shawl has a prayer of comfort for those who receive the shawl.

Whether you are a beginning or experienced knitter, consider joining this gathering. We welcome anyone who knows how to knit three/purl three or who would

like to learn. Yarn and patterns are provided, but please **bring you own sized 10½ needles.**

Crochet instructions are also available. We gather each Thursday from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

For information, please contact Deb Klotz at 385-3109 or

Letter from the Morgan's—Missionaries in Bangladesh

Presbyterian missionaries Les and Cindy Morgan's most recent letter describes their experience when they scattered their son Everett's ashes on Cave Mountain in the Ozarks of Arkansas on the Saturday before Easter. Everett died of bone cancer on December 27, 2008.

Here are some excerpts from the letter:

“Although interring Everett's ashes was the final ceremony for our son, my grief for him continues its slow, relentless course. ... There lies my deep wound, still open and tender. The wound will never completely heal, I know; and because of it, I will never be the same. Everett, his life and death, will continue to teach me.

I have learned much from the journal he kept throughout his illness and which we found after his death. In the last entry, just six days before he died, he requested us to read what he

had written, as a favor to him. At one of the lowest points in his illness, he wrote,

‘I am empty. Lord Jesus, fill me with your loving spirit and guide me through the dark waters of this day. I am no good at praise yet, God, but you just wait. Teach me as your humble servant.’

I am adopting Everett's prayer as my own as I resume missionary service. Tomorrow Cindy and I will travel to Bangladesh for six weeks to discuss our future ministry with the Church of Bangladesh, the indigenous church with whom we have worked for many years. Most likely, we will resume active service under the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in July and return to Bangladesh in early September for a three-year term.

Although I will take to Bangladesh the deep wound of my son's death, I pray that God will teach me once again to raise my arms in praise to him, like the small dogwood tree we planted over Everett's ashes. With God's help, both the tree and I will find our way to the light. We will do it together, in memory of Everett. Yours, Les”

The Morgans are the only Presbyterian missionaries in Bangladesh. To give to the Morgans' mission efforts in Bangladesh, you can make out a check to First Presbyterian Church and include “Morgan E200389” on the note line. You can also give via the Presbyterian website here: <http://www.pcusa.org/give/online/projectSelectAction.do?numberString=E200389>

Gathered Together

All are invited to gather together for prayer, silent and spoken, for our church, community, and God's world. We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday mornings, 11:15-12:00 noon in the Prayer Room.

Keep up with Ali & Brad Kent in Bolivia at <http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Bolivia.html>

Drivers for VBS needed for Friends of Jesus

Vacation Bible School is July 27-30 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Friends of Jesus needs help getting kids to VBS. Their parents work long shifts and are unable to drive them. If you can help those four mornings, please call Marilyn Burwell (388-7593) or Thiel Larson (388-4895). The children would be picked up at 8:45 a.m. and driven home at Noon.

Youth Ministry

To volunteer or register or for more information, contact Greg Bolt, Director of Youth and Family Ministry (382-4401 or gbolt@bendfp.org).

Fourth of July Picnic... We want you!

Once again this year the youth at First Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Fourth of July picnic at the church at 4:30, following the community concert at Bend Senior High (3:00) directed by our very own Clyde Thompson.

This year we are asking for your help.

We need quite a few volunteers to help us set up, cook and restock the food, and take down all the tables and chairs. The Green Team has already agreed to be in charge of recycling and dish

washing. Help us make this a church-wide event to celebrate our community and the many gifts in it.

We will need a team of ten people to help set up the tables and chairs, five people to help BBQ, five people to restock the tables as needed, and ten people to help take down the tables and chairs to get them ready for Sunday morning. We also ask that each group have a team leader to make sure everything is working smoothly and to have a go-to person in case something unforeseen arises (which we hope won't be the case...

unless, of course, it involves a bunch of people pitching in). We know this is a giant undertaking, but one that will surely be a success with the support of so many wonderful people.

Bring your favorite dessert

We would also like to invite anyone with a favorite dessert to share it with the community. Bring one of grandma's famous apple pies; let us take a slice of aunt Susie's delicious pound cake; and help us learn how cousin Erma's brownies were always so moist. We are hoping to have a dessert potluck extravaganza, with so many wonderful

options that you just have to come back for seconds.

This is a celebration of our community and our nation, so have a good time, enjoy the music, enjoy the food, and enjoy the fellowship we share at First Presbyterian Church.

If you have any questions or want to sign up to help, contact Greg Bolt at 541-382-4401 church, 541-350-8074 – cell, gbolt@bendfp.org, ggbolt16@gmail.com, or just leave a note in my box located in the office)

Blessings,
Greg Bolt
Director of Youth and Families

STUDY OF FOOD, ANIMALS AND HUMANS

On the Sunday mornings of June 14, 21 and 28, Dr. Dan Klingler will offer a course on the book *The Omnivores Dilemma* by Michael Pollan. It will be offered at the 10:30 hour.

It is a book about various ways animals die that we may eat meat.

The book is not written by a vegetarian, but by a man who has examined three different ways animals die that we may eat meat.

The first is through agribusiness, the development of corn and the feeding of cattle. The second is by organic

farming, and the third is by hunting.

It is a book about (1) our attitude towards animals, (2) nutrition, (3) the role of oil in the production of fertilizers and agriculture, and (4) economics. We will take one chapter each week.

WELCOME

Remember, to preserve the appearance and functionality of the Welcome Center, no materials or items are to be placed there unless okayed by the Host Committee.

Thank you.

Kits for Kids

We need at least 200 more filled bags for Kits for Kids!

Materials are under the Presbyterian Women's table in the Commons. If you have bags at home, please bring them in. Items to fill bags are needed, too. You'll find the list on the table. For questions, call Helen or Jim Smith at 382-850, email fryhawks@bendcable.com or hsmith@bendcable.com.



Navigating the Tough Seas of Job Seeking: One Day at a Time

If you are struggling to know which way to turn to look for employment and are wondering what Bend has to offer to assist you in your search, you might consider the following sources.

COIC (Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council) Worksource Bend – e-mail address COIC.org – Located on Forbes Avenue across from the City of Bend police building on 15th and Greenwood.

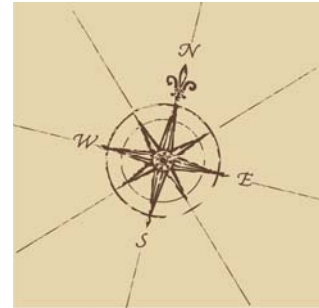
Provides free computer access for job searches

Search engines include:

Self Search – Work Source Oregon - Imatch.com – OregonJobs.gov – JobsOnline.com – Jobsinoregon.org

Provides workshops and classes to assist with becoming job ready, such as:

- writing resumes
- interviewing skills
- developing computer skills
- assistance in providing money for retraining if necessary
- housed with the to State of Oregon employment services
- free printing and mail services for resumes
- support group for those struggling with employment issues
- many free handouts for information around job hunting skills



Express Personnel – 389-1505 400 SW Bluff Drive – expresspros.com

This could be good source for students 16 years old and older for summer employment possibilities. No fees are charged for the job seekers.

Employment Transition Group – Network support group that meets at Dudley’s Bookshop Café, 135 N.W. Minnesota Ave. contact abportland@yahoo.com Meets on Thursday 2:00-4:00

Search Engines – E-Mail Openings Posted Daily:

jobs.com – job finder.com – American jobs.com – monster.com – snaga.job.com – indeed.com – careers.com – Ihire.com

For questions or more information, contact Elizabeth Stephan at 382-4401.

July Birthdays

1 Robert Breen	8 Maggie Hanson	18 Mike Simpson	24 Sara Barton
Zack Silva	Scarlett Schock	Taylor West	Bob Schock
Treva Weaver	10 Ellie Hartman	Carol Jean Willard	25 Robert Johnson
2 Katie Hall	Michael Stenkamp	20 Adam Cash	26 Paxton Carson
Terry Re	12 Todd Ainsworth	David Dewey	Spencer Hill
3 Karen Bates	Grace Curran	Benjamin Dillard	Frank McGinnis
Carol Smalley	Gregory Fowler	Alison Highberger	27 Katie Ainsworth
Shauna Weltmann	Dalton Sommers	Sue Katka	Kyle Hogue
Frances Young	13 Kit Carmiencke	Sheri Lanegan-Meng	28 Julie Johnson
4 Judy Stiegler	Jean Fincham	22 Patty Cookson	29 Nancy Cashwell
5 Barbara MacMillan	Teresa Helmick	Shelly Gillespie	Eva Estberg
Sue Warner	15 Charlotte Brady	Hannah Noble	George Larson
6 Victoria Brady	Roma Wells	Bill Padgham	Bonnie Steele
Alex Johnston	16 Al Allison	Dolores Petty	30 Jay Dee Conrad
7 Paul MacMillan	Bill Reckwerdt	Eileen Stith	Greta Davis
Barboura Shannon	Susan Shuck	23 Sabra Cleveland	31 Ciara Hogue
Rorie Unrein	18 Betty Armer	Sharon Thomson	Judy Setzer

Support Groups

Depression Support Group

Led by Laurie Koski, LCSW
Meets in the Prayer Room
Wednesdays, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
June 24
July 1, 15

Care Givers Support Group

Led by Elizabeth Stephan
Meets in the Prayer Room
Mondays, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
July 6, 20

Grief Support Group

Led by Lorraine Stuart
Meets in the Adult Ed.
Room
Thursdays, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
June 18, 25.

What's Happening with Our Economy?

As a part of First Presbyterian's continuing conversation about poverty, homelessness and the economic circumstances of today, Adult Education and the Library would like to offer every member a Thoughtful Christian article entitled *What's Happening with Our Economy?*

Author Brent Waters, professor of Christian Ethics at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, suggests that three theological themes – the poor and our collective

responsibility to address their needs, stewardship of God's creation, and through vocation the ministry of Christ's church in the world is performed – direct us to "...a collective responsibility to tend to both the individual needs and the common good of the civil community."

The author begins with a brief discussion of What Happened? Why? And what should be done? However, his intent is to stimulate thought and

discussion, not to prescribe how Christians should think and respond.

Waters cautions that while it is tempting to argue over who should be blamed, the more fitting response is to find solutions to this series of problems affecting everyone to varying degrees. For those of us who are engaged in ongoing discussion groups, four questions, such as, What does it mean to be a good steward of financial

resources?, are included by the author.

Copies of this Thoughtful Christian article will be available in the church library until the end of June. The Adult Education Committee and the Library staff would encourage every member to pick up a copy in order to read, think and continue our community-wide examination of the issue.

Adult Education and Library Committees

July Anniversaries

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| 2 Bob & Meg Brookover
Jim & Jaimie Roderick | 24 Ron & Wendy Calkins |
| 3 Dana and Jeremy Groesz | 25 Scott & Sandy Hill
Bob & Julie Johnson |
| 6 Heather and Shannon Gregory | Julie & Jay Lyche |
| 7 Joe and Marla Stidham | 26 Donna and Frank McGinnis |
| 8 Elizabeth and Roger Stephan | 27 Don and Anne Hanson |
| 9 John and Nancy Merrick | 28 Arden and Machele Gage
Heather and Spencer Schock |
| 11 Curt & Robin Baney
Ray & Marilyn Lakey | |
| 14 Tom & Ann Hamilton | |
| 17 Bill & Kendra Boos | |
| 20 Faye and Janice Pittman | |
| 22 Donna & Terry Crandall | |
| 23 Renee & Jeremy Wilson | |

PCUSA Action Alert—Congressional *Water for the Poor Act*

Eighty percent of sickness in the developing world and the deaths of 4,500 children daily can be traced back to contaminated water and inadequate sanitation. The Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA) has issued an **Action Alert** requesting a letter writing effort by all Presbyterians in support of a \$500 million appropriation to USAID for worldwide improvements in drinking water quality and

sanitation. The second Alert is the Initiating Foreign Assistance Reform Act of 2009 (H.R. 2139), which requires the President to implement a global development strategy. This would help make U.S. aid more effective at reducing poverty and mitigating conflict.

Currently, 12 federal departments, 25 agencies and more than 60 government offices

oversee U.S. foreign aid. The United States needs a global development strategy to make our aid dollars as effective as possible. Especially in these tough economic times, U.S. aid dollars need to go further in reducing poverty, meeting human needs abroad, and meeting security challenges.

In response to PCUSA's appeals, the Peacemaking Team will hold a letter-

signing session in the Church library after both services on Sunday, June 28. Letters already prepared for your signature will be available as well as information to write your own letter if you prefer. Such events have been very well attended in the past.

<http://capwiz.com/pcusa/issues/alert/?alertid=13425436&type=CO>

Peacemaking Team

How to Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity Bend

Summer is a great time to help Habitat. There are many ways to volunteer beyond the traditional construction labor type jobs – painting, caulking, hammering, cleaning up debris, and landscaping. Habitat needs office help, especially at the main reception desk where you can answer the phone and greet/direct visitors. There are also many jobs at the Re-Store: cashiering, customer service, helping in receiving, helping with organization.

The easiest way to start volunteering is to attend a 30-minute volunteer orientation at the Habitat

office at 1860 NE 4th Street in Bend. This location is directly east of the Albertson's store on North Business Highway 97. Emily Williams, volunteer coordinator for Habitat, holds these orientations each Thursday. She starts promptly at noon, so you can easily do this on your lunch hour. The orientation includes a video about safety, all the information you need, plus a question and answer time. At the end, you sign the waiver and give it to Emily.

If you absolutely cannot attend the orientation then you can get the same

information from Habitat Bend's Website. Here are two website pages for volunteering:

<http://www.bendhabitat.org/volunteer> and <http://www.bendhabitat.org/volunteer?a=edit#>.

From the Website you can watch the safety video [look in the box on the left]. You can also find the waiver:

<http://www.bendhabitat.org/volunteer/waiver>.

Download it, fill it out and mail it to Emily, whose address and e-mail are below.

Habitat does NOT want you to show up at a jobsite or the Re-Store

without letting them know you are coming. Therefore, Habitat in Bend has an online system for choosing a time to volunteer: <http://www.volunteerup.com/ProjectCal.asp?o=83>. You must first register online to use the web sign-up. Once registered, put your name in the time slot(s) you prefer. You can also sign up to volunteer by calling or emailing Emily: ewilliams@bendhabitat.org; Habitat, 1860 NE 4th Street, Bend, OR 97701; 541-385-5387 ext. 227.

Help Support Happy Learners Preschool

Safeway & Albertson's offer easy opportunities to contribute

Safeway has partnered with eSrip to create a system to reward customer loyalty by contributing a percentage of your purchase to Happy Learners Preschool every time you shop using your Safeway card. It is easy and at no cost to you.

Simply log on to: www.escrip.com

- click on "Sign Up It's Free" bubble
- enter Happy Learners Preschool
- and follow the directional steps. You

need enter **only** your Safeway card number.

If you prefer, we can enter for you. Complete the "Put Education First on Your Shopping List" Safeway sign-up forms found in the Welcome Center kiosk. Return them to the church office

Attn Deb Klotz, and we will submit for you.

For information, contact Deb Klotz at 385-3109 or email at dklotz@bendtel.net

For Albertsons shoppers:

- Log on to www.albertsons.com
- Click on "In the Community" (at bottom)
- Click on "Community Partners" Logo
- Click on "Shoppers Login"
- Enter your card number and telephone number
- Click on "my account"
- Happy Learners organization ID# is 49000120675 Albertsons will donate a small percentage of your purchase amount to Happy Learners to help us support this important mission.

Camperships Needed

Dear Congregation,

The camp season is again upon us. The Presbyterian Church in Oregon uses Suttle Lake Camp above Sisters on the way to Santiam Pass. Suttle Lake is a beautiful place in the mountains.

For many children who have never been camping or out in the woods, Suttle Lake is a gift from God. The children swim, hike, play, meet new friends and learn about God. Often the camp is the only

real vacation a child gets during the summer. Many families do not take a vacation; they stay home.

The early registration cost for this camp is \$300. Although this is a reasonable price for six full and exciting days at camp, it is still too much money for some stressed family budgets, especially if they are trying to send more than one child.

Full or partial camperships are open to

any child with a relationship to First Presbyterian.

Give a very special gift to a child. Please consider becoming a campership sponsor. Any amount is welcome, but a gift of \$100 is especially welcome. Please contact Thiel Larson – 388-4895 or tlarson@bendbroadband.com

Remember in Prayer

Holly, Greta, Spencer, Darcy and Chad Davis.

Gwen Anderson

Jean Hull

Carol Flores

Study and Fellowship

CPR CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, June 23, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Joyce Padgham (19525 Sunshine Way - 617-1225) for a salad dinner followed by an evening of fellowship and prayer. This is an open circle; all women of the church are invited. Please bring a salad topping to share. Co-hostesses are Ann Hamilton and Kay Case. RSVP to Joyce Padgham at bpadgham@aol.com or 617-1225; however, if you don't RSVP and find that you can come, please come.

AWE HA! Saturday, June 27, at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Sewers are invited to cut fabric and stitch up some bags for Kits for Kids. A salad supper will be served as well as a heavy dose of fun and fellowship. Please call Jaimie at 388-8942 by June 25 to let me know if you're able to attend.

MEN'S BOOK STUDY GROUP meets in the Library every Monday from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. We're beginning a new study of the book Hot, Flat and Crowded by Thomas Friedman. Come join us.

MEN'S DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY Tuesday mornings, 9:45-11:00 a.m. at the home of Chuck Piersee in the Touchmark Community. It's an open discussion based on ideas and texts from the Bible. As the name suggests, we try to discover what the Bible is saying to us. This year we are studying the Gospel of John. All are welcome. Call 312-1628 for directions.

THURSDAY CENTERING PRAYER GROUP meets on Thursdays, 12:00-1:00 p.m., in the Prayer Room. For more information, please call Linda (318-0407).

LISTENING HEARTS is a contemplative prayer group practicing centering prayer together and reflecting on the spiritual journey. We meet Tuesday evenings, 7:00 - 8:15 p.m., in the Prayer Room. (We don't meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month.) For more information, please call Lorraine (318-0384).

EARLY BIRD BIBLE STUDY - Our last meeting before taking the summer off was June 3. See you in September.

THE TILTERS is a group of women who meet to read and discuss books related to faith. We are reading *When Faith Meets Reason: Religion Scholars Reflect on Their Faith Journeys*. Editor Charles W. Hedrick collects 13 essays solicited from scholars in religion that answer the broad question of how faith is understood when it conflicts with reason, science or scholarship.

Their answers are remarkably varied, painfully honest, and profoundly respectful of Christian tradition and newer truths alike. Join us on Thursday mornings, 8:00-9:15 a.m. in the library. Call Cheryl Shay at 526-0964 with questions.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS is taking a summer break. We usually meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 9:30 to 11:00 am in the Youth Center. We invite you to join us for Bible study on September 15 as we continue to grow as friends in Christ.

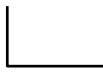
THE TRAVELER'S BIBLE STUDY will take a break for the summer. We will resume in September. Those interested in getting together once a month, please call Carol Piersee (312-1628).

FIRST FRIDAY will see you again in the fall. Look for information later in the summer for our gathering on September 4.

All Singers Are Invited

Consider joining the Chancel Choir and a "Festival Chorus" that will present the church's fifth annual "Sound Fourth!" community concert on July 4. Once again the concert will take place at Bend High School in collaboration with the Cascade Horizon Band. Clyde Thompson directs the chorus, and rehearsals Tuesday evenings, at 7:00 p.m.. If interested, please contact Clyde at cthompson@bendbroadband.com or at 385-7229.

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Community Bulletin Board

Faith Notes will include a community bulletin board section for the listing of events not related to church activities. The bulletin board will contain a disclaimer that these activities do not necessarily represent the theology of the church and that they are not necessarily endorsed by the church. The listings will be brief and will be informational only; they will not contain position statements of the party submitting them.

FOR SALE Men's Schwinn Mesa mountain bike. \$200. Only ridden 100 miles. Call Jim Emerson @788-6676.

WANTED—Old fencing, cedar or pine; will haul. Call Eldon Wilson @330-6492.

NEW TOSHIBA LAPTOP COMPUTER. Contains Office Home and Student 2007 (Word, Excel, PowerPoint and OneNote), 2009 Kaspersky Internet Security System, plus transferable extended two year damage warranty. Originally purchased by David DeJohn in March 2009 for business use, but only used a few times. Original cost total \$1,025 asking price \$800 OBO. Please call Sheila DeJohn @ 383-1690.

1998 FORD EXPLORER EDDIE BAUER EDITION, very well cared for and has all of the receipts to prove it. Excellent all weather truck with a comfortable ride. It has not been used for slow plowing or towing. Details: dark blue exterior with tan leather interior, 160K mileage, 4.0L V6 engine, automatic with four-wheel drive, keyless entry, great stereo, power driver's seat, alloy wheels with new Les Schwab tires. Asking \$4750 or OBO. Please call Mark DeJohn@ 541-948-0993 to schedule a test drive.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY— Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., in the Adult Ed. Room.

FLASHBACKS – A service to document your family history. Free consultation. Susie Burns 541-788-5936, davidandsusie@bendbroadband.com.